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In re Application of:
WILLIAMS ET AL.

Application No. 10/051,728

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For: Method And Apparatus Using a
Random Component to Map Items to
Paths and Recirculating or Delaying the
Sending of A Particular Item when a
Destination over Its Mapped Path is
Unreachable

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A copy of a foreign search report is enclosed herewith.

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